

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2359

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have the name of Mr. BISHOP of Utah removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 2359.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2319

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor to H.R. 2319.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arizona?

There was no objection.

ARMANDO TORRES

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of a marine who desperately needs our help. Corporal Armando Torres was kidnapped in Mexico more than 2 months ago. Minimal attention here in the U.S. and in Mexico has allowed Armando's kidnappers to think that we've given up. They are wrong. The United States does not give up and does not leave one of our own behind. The kidnapping of a United States citizen and a marine will not be tolerated. Armando served our country honorably, and now it is our duty to serve him well now.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, the bond between marines can never be broken. In the coming days, marines here in the House will come together on this floor for their brother. I invite all Members to join us and show that we will not rest until we bring Armando home.

RECOGNIZING WATERVLiet ARSE- NAL ON ITS 200TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. TONKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Watervliet Arsenal, which celebrated its 200th anniversary on July 14.

Watervliet is the Nation's oldest, continuously operated arsenal, having begun its manufacturing of military hardware during the War of 1812.

For 200 years, the arsenal has produced critical weapons, parts and material that have been indispensable to our Nation's defense. Earlier this year, the Secretary of the Army recognized the arsenal's high quality and essential work by designating it as a Center of Industrial and Technological Excellence.

The Army's Benet Laboratories, renowned for its research and development and work with advanced materials and composites, is also located at the facility. Let me offer a special congratulations to the arsenal's employees, who, despite senseless sequestration-related furloughs, continue to provide manufacturing, engineering, and quality assurance for our Nation's cannons and mortars. They have developed skills and expertise over the course of decades, many coming from families that have worked at the arsenal for generations, pouring their talents into this powerful success story. They are truly the lifeblood of the Watervliet community and the Greater Capital Region of upstate New York.

AUTHORITY FOR MANDATE DELAY ACT

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this week, the House will debate H.R. 2667, the Authority for Mandate Delay Act. This bill will delay enforcement of the ObamaCare mandate—employers with 50 full-time employees who do not offer government-approved coverage must pay a \$2,000 fine annually for an employee. On July 2, the administration announced a delay. And while their authority to unilaterally change the law is questionable, the mandate remains a problem.

Earlier today, an employer in Pennsylvania told me that in order to address compliance costs, the employer would opt to close 1 day a week. This is not rhetoric.

In May of 2012, 71 Fortune 100 companies responded to a House Ways and Means survey. They estimated savings up to \$28.6 billion in 2014 by eliminating coverage for their 5.9 million employees, paying the \$2,000 annual fine. This would impact more than 10.2 million employees and dependents.

It appears that the administration has begun to understand that the employer mandate provides a perverse incentive for companies to drop their employees from health plans that are otherwise working.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2667.

ERIC "WITH" HOLDER—FAST AND FURIOUS—AND ANOTHER VICTIM

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, at a House Judiciary hearing, Eric "With" Holder, the Attorney General, admitted to me that more people were going to die because of Operation Fast and Furious. That's the Justice Department and ATF gunrunning scheme that sent hundreds of U.S. automatic weapons to criminal drug cartels in Mexico.

Recently, Mexican Police Chief Lucio Rosales Astorga of Hostotipaquillo, Mexico, was ambushed and gunned down by assassins as he was driving his son to school. His wife and two bodyguards were also shot. The automatic weapon used to shoot him was a Fast and Furious gun smuggled to Mexico by the U.S. Government. Reportedly, over 200 Mexican nationals have been killed by Fast and Furious weapons.

American guns are at the side of these puddles of blood. Chief Astorga's son will be fatherless because of this government's recklessness. Meanwhile, Attorney General Eric "With" Holder keeps stonewalling justice and withholding information on this gunrunning scheme.

Mr. Speaker, somebody needs to go to jail. And that's just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING MRS. VIOLET B. HANNA ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

(Mr. ROYCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest congratulations and happy birthday wishes to Mrs. Violet B. Hanna, who will be celebrating her 100th birthday on July 23.

Born in Los Angeles on July 23, 1913, to Albert Wogatzke and Ella Bussjaeger, Violet is the oldest daughter of nine children. She married William Hanna on August 6, 1936. She lovingly raised a family of two children, has seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. She has enjoyed wonderful health all of her life. She was raised on a farm, was a straight A student, and was so devoted to family that after graduating from high school, she gave up a full scholarship to Occidental College to start working in L.A. to support the rest of her family in Imperial Valley.

Violet has witnessed momentous changes in our Nation's history. Her life reflects a contribution to that history. I hope her century of memories brings much pride and joy to herself and family members.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Violet on this remarkable milestone. I wish her a special day shared in the company of her family and friends, and all the best in the years ahead.

AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENTS

(Mr. FITZPATRICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, this week in history we celebrate the achievement of Neil Armstrong's Moon landing in 1969, a shining example of American innovation and perseverance.

In conquering space, America sent a message to the world that we can achieve any task that we set our mind to. Today, 40 years later, we as Americans face similar challenges, not on the